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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Pramod N. DESHPANDE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1624

Application No.: 10/035,178

Examiner: M. Berch

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Docket No.: 113299

For: SYNTHESIS OF CEFTIOFUR INTERMEDIATE

AMENDMENTDirector of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the July 30, 2002, Office Action, the period for responding to which has been extended by the accompanying Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, first paragraph, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

a' The present invention discloses an improved process for the preparation of 7-amino-3-[2-(furylcarbonyl) thiomethyl]-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid represented by formula (I)

